

MERCANTILE CONVENTION

And of the execution the Sun has the following:

"General Lopez, with his hands tightly bound together in front, stepped forward, and in a strong clear voice, spoke to those around as follows:

"I pray the persons who have compromised me to pardon me as I pardon them.

"My death will not change the destinies of Cuba."

past 12 o'clock Mr. DANIEL H. LONDON

1. "Adieu, my beloved Cathi! Adieu, my brethren!"
The General then stepped back, seated himself on a stool. A priest with the crucifix and taper stood on a side of him, the executioner on the other. The color was then placed around the prisoner's neck. The priest no longer swung the crucifix between the General's hands, and just before the executioner, inclining his head to kiss it, the executioner swung the crucifix, and the head of the unfortunate man at the same instant, dropped, without inclining the crucifix. He never moved again. There sat the body of one of the bravest men that ever drew breath, but a moment ago alive now a ghastly corpse.

The Sun, in the course of its Caba's captures, since the

champion of our glorious cause. We have known

of great wealth and high character, Madame Frias, widow of a nobleman of great wealth, his sister-in-law, and other near relatives, residing in Havana, left that city just previous to the execution, unwilling to be near on such occasion. — Lopez was 55 years of age. He leaves a son 15 years of age, studying in Switzerland. His wife is in Paris. He was very wealthy, but spent his income as fast as he received it. In this and the previous unfortunate expeditions, (says the Sun's account,) he lost very large sums.

ception of our voluntary and hearty nomina-

Messrs. Editors: This is a subject which has been of deep interest to the citizens of Richmond, and, indeed, the whole State; for, as long as trade exists, every citizen has a pecuniary interest in its commercial emporium.

The meeting of the Mercantile Convention in this city, I understand, is to take up this subject, show its importance, and the necessity of improving the great commercial port of the State, the city of Richmond. The improvement of the James River, appears to be the chief objection affecting the commercial prosperity of Richmond; and, to a certain extent,

all be made to his course in the Convention. Let him
the SLASHES, on the Chickahominy, in Green B.

of the commerce of the sea. The noble ship will never sail upon the take this tortuous navigation, and without we shall all be the accumulation of this dardition of vessels, we shall all be to suffer the trade of the world. What, then, shall we do? What is our duty as citizens and representatives of the commercial interests of Richmond? Is it not to adopt some other efficient plan, which will secure to us the commerce of the world—namely, to establish a commercial port on the

But he has been so infatuated in every prominent cause with which he was connected—he has so

The bold waters of the York river, which, high up above its source in Chesapeake Bay, presents a broad sheet of water, forming a spacious and safe harbor, offer this tribute to Richmond, to become its shipping port as well as its inlet to the commerce of the seas. *Here*, citizens of Richmond, direct your *undivided* attention to found the *port of entry and depot* of your flourishing city. Leave the river for the domestic trade and open *another avenue* for the commercial interests of the State.

same spirit which animated the Winkes and Connel-
n in England, and the O'Connell party in Ireland. These
are the great demagogues of a great nation. They

the internal improvements of the State. It is known that the shortest route to the Western States is through Virginia, by the routes now opening from the city of Richmond to the West, through her railroads—the result of which will be the receiving by this State of all the internal trade of the second States Northeast of Virginia, with the Western States; and if a good and convenient port of entry, as is necessary to the Ocean, is established by the city of Richmond, this trade will be increased and better secured; and, as it would all pass through Richmond, we may anticipate the results.

at the victors who achieved them, were incapable bearing, of towering pretensions and

the number and excellency of its harbors for sea vessels; while Philadelphia, New York and even Boston shall open their ports to the Virginia depot. The Western tributaries of our great lines of railroads from Richmond to the Western rivers are at the most favorable points for navigation at all seasons. This fact is of great importance. In connection with Richmond is the *James River Canal*, which would transmit the loaded facilities of transportation, and with great economy—and thus secure the transit of our own goods.

These and many other considerations might be advanced in favor of the port at Richmond as *York River*.

ef. This mischief is not confined to his district, but extends to the utmost limits of the State. He has prov-

former will have the advantage of the latter, greatly to be
connect with it the expense of the present system of trans-
shipment from the canal boats before the production of the
the sea vessel. It would appear a contradiction to say that
the merchant could make a shipment in half the time from
York River to sea, than from James River; but the fact is
manifest from the facilities offered by the telegraph, and the
dispatch offered by the railroad. Should it be considered ex-
pensive, at a future day, to extend the James River Canal to
the shipping port, the produce may go direct to the same at
the same price as the return cargoes.

COMMERCIAL CONVENTION.
This important body convened in the Capitol yesterday.

the Mercantile Convention to this subject, and all of our citizens to its importance. Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT MILLS, Engineer and Architect.
 Richmond, Sept. 10, 1851.

For the Enquirer.

TO THE VOTERS OF AMELIA COUNTY

The County Court of Amelia, at its August term, made an order, requiring the Sheriff and commissioners of elections to open a poll, on the 1st day of November, to take the sense of the people of our county, on the question, whether the

explained the object of the meeting, and Messrs.

Believing the county is in a state of
subsubscription, and that a tax of thirty thousand dollars, in such
a case, would be unjust and oppressive; we, therefore, call
upon the voters generally, to meet at Southall's Cross-roads,
on Saturday, the 26th of September, to take into consideration
what we had best do, to prevent the adoption of the proposed
measure.

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PROMISCUOUS MEETING IN POCAHONTAS.

At a meeting of the Democrats of Pocahontas county,
held at the Court-House on Tuesday, the 24 day of September,

On motion of Mr. Wm. M. Burwell of Bedford, was

...arguing upon the Democratic party, the necessity of a strong and efficient organization. In conclusion, he alluded to the presence of our representative in the Senate, Gen. D. B. Layne, to whom he said he would listen with pleasure. Gen. Layne, being called for, arose and addressed the meeting. When he had concluded, John Gay, Esq., offered the following preamble and resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, It is proposed by the Democratic party of Virginia to hold a State Convention at Staunton on the 23d

in an hour, addressed the Convention in a sign of

Resolved, That the Chairman appoint a committee, to be composed of the voters from each election precinct in this county, to propose to the meeting the names of suitable persons to represent this county as delegates in said Convention.

Whereupon, Valentine Cackley, Richard McNeil, John Gully, Preston Moore, Jacob G. Sharvens and Wm. J. Wood were appointed said committee.

of our fellow-citizens, amounting in all to some 300

Burner, John Yeager, Elazar Hadson, James Brinley, Wm. H. B. Brinley,
 S. Brudie, William W. Byrd, Jr., Daniel McGlouglou, John W. Byrd,
 Cassel, Isaac Moore, Hugh McLaughlin, John W. Byrd, Jr.,
 Wm. Clegg, Benj. Herold, Stuart S. Wade, Wm. Hargrove,
 Samuel Gay, Benoni Gaffin, George Young, Wm. Cochran,
 Chesley Moore, John McNeel, John Waight, Wm. K. Hill,
 George Gay, John H. Buckman, Joel Hill, Vin. P. Hill,
 Charles F. Wilton, Nathaniel Kinneson, John M. Hill,
 B. Bert Dunshee, Jesse Cochran, Wm. McGor, Wm. Blair,
 Joshua B. Koe, and Charles Simms, who were named in the

resident, who delivered the toasts, with his usual graciously fervent eloquence. Flaming listened with ab-

Resolved, That the proceedings of this meeting be published in the Democratic papers published in Richmond, Stoughton and Harrisonburg.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

WM. CACKLEY, Chairman.
Wm. J. WOODBELL, Secretary.

MARRIED.

MARRIED, on Tuesday evening, 9th September, by the Rev. James M. BROWN, Mr. BENJAMIN THOMPSON, to Miss ANN L. BROWN.

REPORT THAT LOPEZ WAS DECOYED TO C
BY A STRATAGEM.

Died, in the tenth year of her age, at the residence of her father, in the county of Henrico, on Friday the 5th inst., MARY ANN SMITH, daughter of Wm. A. and Caroline M. Carter. A gentle and amiable disposition had endeared her to all who knew her. The ardent love of dress, of which she could not be deprived, she knew how to combine with the love of the Church, but she had been so long a member of the same, that she could not be without it. Let the bereaved parents be comforted with the reflection, that all her sufferings are now ended, and that "The Lord loveth them whose hearts are clean."
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Died, at Cape Girardeau, Mo., on Saturday the 16th Aug., 1861, P. MARY, wife of C. M. of Chronic Diarrhea, in the 65th year of her age.

Spanish officers, alleging that they were ready to join the forces immediately on their arrival.

and after remaining there 18 years, he returned to this country, where he resided until his death. Few men lived and died, and left behind them a more unsullied reputation.

Born at his residence in the county of Louis, on the 5th day of May, 1831, Mr. NEWELL BAKER, in the 73rd year of his age, was a consistent member of the Methodist Church. May God send many more such worthy members, who will be able to shall judge the world, by Jesus Christ! Blessed are all that die in the Lord.

W. H. S.